



August 2018 News

Breaking Free

“It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.” Galatians 5:1 NASB

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It is often stated that the opposite of love is hate. As children when we learn opposites: good/bad, up/down/, in/out, true/false. We learn in those tender years: love/hate. So deep in our psyche is this notion we do not question it. However, the word of God, which is the most magnificent blue print for living that was ever written in history, says this:

“There is no fear in love. Perfect love puts fear out of our hearts.’ 1 John 4:18.

Love is the overcoming attribute of a heart filled with Jesus. If our hearts are filled with the love of God, there is no room for fear. No room for distrust. No room for pride. Perfect love pushes all hate out the door. Out, out, out.

Hatred, on the other hand is a direct byproduct of fear. We hate what we do not understand. We hate what makes us feel uncertain. We fear our peace being taken from us, therefore we hate those whom we blame for trying to take our peace.

Again, Jesus is the anecdote for our fearful trembling hearts. “Peace, I give you...” He says. “MY peace I leave with you.” God, whose power is absolute, has a peace that is so great, it passes our understanding to guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus. His peace is our gift. But the choice is ours to make. Will we embrace fear, and the anger, resentment, bitterness and anxiety that it brings? Or. Will we embrace the life giving, all sustaining PEACE that comes straight from heaven to us?

There is a yoke of slavery that the world is offering. It is offered through fear. Fear of the future. Fear of failure. Fear of others. Fear of being alone. Fear for our children and our families. Fear of not being good enough or strong enough. Beloved, fear is not from God, because fear brings torment, and that torment brings the yoke.

The good news is: we have the answer to all of our fears. It is in the call of the One who ever lives to intercede for us, and who tell us: ‘Do NOT fear, for I am with you. Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My right hand.’ Isaiah 41:10

This is it. The love, the peace, the presence of Jesus IS the good news that the world needs. That the world seeks.

So then, Christ in us, Who is the hope of all glory, is the answer, the anecdote, the prescription for this sin-sick world. As we go about bearing this love, this peace, we bring light and healing wherever we go.

Yes, dear one. The scripture cries out to us: ‘Choose this day whom you will serve!’ Will we be slaves to fear? Or completely redeemed, free from fear; able to be full beacons of His glorious light in this dark season?

It is a big choice. Choose well. Be set free.



WRITTEN BY
DEBBIE ECKER

Projects That Count for the Kingdom!

Eternal Investments with Earthly and Heavenly Rewards



WRITTEN BY
CHUCK LENHART

Anyone making an investment knows they invest wanting to

make a high return on whatever they invest in. But before one invests they research whatever market they are investing in, if it be stocks, real state, or whatever; we look for a safe place to make our money grow. So, it is with the Kingdom of God.

I always tell people to invest in projects that are people, purpose driven that count for eternity. Projects that have an eternal ticket of value on them. In James it says: Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

This seems to have high eternal value in God's economy. To take care of distressed broken-down people is something God finds great value in. Jesus himself was anointed to heal the sick, set demoniacs free, brought relief to the pain and suffering of the world. He invested his whole life going about doing good and preaching that the eternal kingdom of God was at hand. Jesus said to the rich young roller: "go and sell all you have and give it to the poor". Unfortunately, this young man spent all his time investing on earthly gain, so when a different kind of investment came down the pipeline, he missed the boat on his heavenly investment and return.

I tell you, when you invest in people, purpose driven projects they return great reward here on earth and in heaven. It's about

people and their eternal value. God wishes that none perish, but all have a chance to be set free and live in the God given purpose for their lives. These are kingdom first partnership investments of time, money, sweat, and tears to see the kingdom of God effect those without him, those suffering sickness, those starving to death, those who are the oppressed and crushed of the world.

Firstlight is a great example of kingdom first. If it be helping Buddhist influenced people get free, doing eye clinics, gospel radio broadcasts or taking care of children at risk in Northern Myanmar, Firstlight is a Kingdom first eternal investment ministry that brings great value and return in the people they are touching for Christ!

Join us as we partner with the Lord to reach more souls!

What the Church Needs Now!

Aligning with God's Intended Purpose



I (Dan) will be joined by John Paul and Paula Sprecher, missionaries, co-founders and Leaders of Forerunner Flame International (FFI) this month in Thailand for the Kingdom Builders conference, hosted by the Five Fold Ministry Church (Z-Gen Church) in Chonburi, Thailand. This network of churches is being lead by Pastor Daniel (Sap) and his wife Ooy, and the Z-Gen Newtwork Apostolic Team. This will be one of the networks annual conferences. We are honored to be a part of it!



Kingdom Builders holds the potential of having local, regional, national, and international impact for the church in Thailand to rediscovering God's intended purpose for the Apostles and Prophets. (See Eph.2:20, I Cor. 12:28) There will be open sessions and a round table discussion with a select group of leaders as we take a look at the past, present, and future conditions of the church and how to better align ourselves.

Care For Kingdom Families: Helping children like these find their way towards a brighter future!



We are blessed to be a part of reaching into the lives of children like these from fatherless homes in four locations across Thailand. Families Without Fathers (FWF) and Project REAP: Regional Education Assistance Program is proving to be a viable approach for reaching into the homes and area schools with the good news of Jesus Christ!

Each of these children represent a life that has been redeemed by God through Christ! FWF and Project REAP is helping them to better understand God's great design of who they are intended to be. Weekly visits are taking places to the home and area schools as well as other types of project and church related activities. School fees and related supplies being provided is helping them to move forward in life towards a brighter future.

Thank you for helping to reach them!

Church Planting News Myanmar: Expanding into Mandalay! ..

This is GREAT NEWS! The Pulang church planting project in northern Myanmar is expanding into an urban setting of the city of Mandalay.

Starting this month, our project host couple; Luke and Jennieve we be relocating to start the work there. They have raised up a solid core of national co-workers to continue the church planing in over 48 plus villages of the Pulang, provide care for 40 plus children at risk, and now expanding their church planting efforts in Mandalay.

I (Dan) along with Chuck Lenhart and others, we be there this month to help start the work there! *Yes and Amen!*



Heaven's Breaking News! Sonship now ...



WRITTEN BY,
JOHN PAUL
SPRECHER

Dear
Firstlight
Family
and
friends!

A Blessed and Warm summer Hello to each and every one!

This month of August is going to be a very exciting one for us and our partnership with you. Dan, my wife Paula, and I have been invited to be a part of a ground-breaking gathering in city of Chonburi, central Thailand. Our hearts are burning for what Father is going to do.

This gathering, called "Kingdom Builders", is the fulfillment of some mighty prophetic words the Lord has given about uniting churches and leaders to impart a Fatherly Kingdom vision to propel and expand the Thai church forward.

At least 20 Pastors and Leaders will be coming for strategic roundtables, and multiple churches will be attending.

The Lord has said there will be powerful encounters for us all, and that ministry in Thailand will not be the same ever again. That is exciting!

Please help join us with strong prayer and intercession for this gathering, and for the crucial follow up and expansion. The time for Thailand's Homecoming to Father God is here and NOW!

Blessings from Father's Heart,



It's your time now!

On a personal note!



WRITTEN BY
DEBBIE ECKER

August is the month of mine and my father's birthdays. Mine is before his, and he says that I was his birthday present. This year we are blessed to be once again living under the same roof to celebrate these auspicious days together. My father will be 89 years old. He has remarked to me, 'You always tell people how old I am!' And I say, 'Because Dad, you are so smart, so funny, so lovely that it gives people hope that if they live to be 89 they can be like you.' People LOVE to know that the elderly can still thrive, even as their bodies become frail, their hearts, minds and spirits can remain intact. This gives us all such hope. I will be turning 61. Believe it or not, I am finding this a MUCH easier birthday than 60. I wonder if any of you found your 60th to be difficult? For me, I was intensely aware of all that I had not yet done. The unfinished manuscripts. The unfinished projects. The teachings I have been meaning to write. The vlogs I had been meaning to make. Funny enough, this year I am at peace. I am letting my hair go gray, and Dan and Josiah love it and are pleading with me NOT to change it. Silver@sixty I call myself. With a GRIN! Come on life. *Let's LIVE it!*

Prayer Points

**"So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."
John 8:36 NAS**

Please pray for:

- 1. Church Planting: Myanmar. (see pg. 2)**
- 2. Thailand breakthrough moment - Kingdom Builders conference (see pg.2).**
- 3. Next month, India, Egypt, Israel. *new opportunities**
- 4. God's abundant provision for Firstlight International during the 3rd quarter of 2018.**